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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PITTING AND SLICING OLIVES WITH SPRING-LOADED, ADJUSTABLE SLICING KNIFE ASSEMBLY

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- ☐ Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), as may be required, to file this response.

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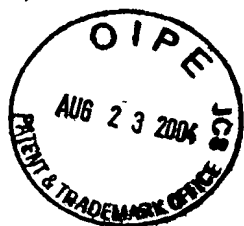
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, in the referenced application. Please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.